

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed on April 1, 2008 has been received and carefully considered. Applicant has amended claims 1, 3-7, 9 and 10, and cancelled claim 11. Claims 1-10 are pending in the application.

Applicant has thoroughly reviewed the outstanding Office Action including the Examiner's remarks and the references cited therein. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the remarks contained herein.

Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C C 102(e) as being anticipated by Wheeler et al. (U.S. Patent Application 2003/0101136 A1).

Claims 1, 3-7, 9 and 10 have been amended, and it is submitted that the rejection is applicable to the amended claims and claims depending therefrom. The present invention as defined in amended claims 1 and claim 7 relates to a management system and method for integrating multiple logistic bodies. The management system uses the registration data and trade information of the logistic bodies to analyze the correlations of accounts of the logistic bodies, and then integrates the correlated accounts using a common registration code. The management system includes a trade system that provides trade information that the management system uses to update correlation between accounts periodically.

In contrast, *Wheeler* relates to a method of communicating electronically over a communications medium regarding multiple accounts. The method in *Wheeler* includes recording information pertaining to each account in the system, assigning a unique ID to each account, and associating the same public key with multiple ID's. However, *Wheeler* does not maintain the correlation information between accounts in its database as does the present invention. Instead, *Wheeler* uses digital signatures (e.g. a public key) for establishing reliable communications between accounts. Digital signatures are used to correlates accounts, but only for the purposes of session authentication, transaction authentication or transaction confirmation (paragraphs [0153], [0154] and [0285]). *Wheeler* does not teach keeping or updating correlation information between accounts in the database.


Applicant has amended claims 1 and 7 further to recite a trade system that provides trade information periodically. The trade information may contain correlation information between two or more accounts, and the management system can analyze the trade information, identify correlated accounts, and update the correlation in the database (i.e. integrate the correlated accounts and assign a common registration code to them). *Wheeler* does not disclose a method to update the correlation between accounts in the database. Thus, claims 1 and 7 clearly patentably distinguish the invention over the prior art.

Claims 5 and 9 further distinguish the invention over the prior art. Thus, claims 5 and 9 recite that a correlation rule of the present invention is a logical algorithm of full-text comparison and calculation for basic information and trade information of the logistic bodies. *Wheeler* does not teach a full-text logical algorithm. The elliptical curve digital signature algorithm disclosed in paragraph [0147] is not a full-text logical algorithm.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 7 are neither anticipated or rendered obvious by the prior art of record, and therefore respectfully request the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejections of claims 1 and 7 to be reconsidered and withdrawn. In addition, insofar claims 2~6 and 8~11 depend directly or indirectly from claims 1 and 7, and add further limitations thereto, the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection of these claims should be withdrawn as well. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner consider that a conference would help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to arrange for such an interview.

Respectfully submitted,



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